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ECCC

# *"Keeping Tradition Alive in 2005"*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**October 15, 2005**

(See Homecoming Day Schedule on Reverse Side)

**HOMECOMING WEEK ACTIVITIES:**

**Thursday, October 13 · 7 to 9 p.m.**

**Art Exhibit · Vickers Fine Arts Center**

**Featuring works by ECCC Alumni Eric Adcock and Chris Kemp**

**Free Admission and Refreshments**

**Friday, October 14 · 5 p.m.**

**ECCC Baseball Alumni Day**

**Jamie Clark Memorial Stadium/Chris Gay IV Memorial Field**

**HONOREES:**

Mrs. Maxie Doddson Phillips '45  
"Alumna of the Year"

Mr. Bill Lovett '57  
"Alumnus of the Year"

Dr. Bob Tom Johnson '63  
and Ms. Lucy Young '71  
"Athletic Hall of Fame" Inductees

Mrs. Nan Davis Anderson  
and Mrs. Lori Hudson Luke '81  
"Instructors of the Year"



# **East Central Community College HOMECOMING**

# "Keeping Tradition Alive in 2005"

8 a.m.-Registration Begins  
East Mall Patio Near Mabry Cafeteria

"Between Fences" Exhibit  
Open for Viewing-ADN Building

Refreshments Available in  
Sullivan Student Center

9 a.m.-Memorabilia Room Grand Opening  
Burton Library

10 a.m.-Reunion Groups Meet

1954-55 & 1955-56 Football Teams  
Room 60, Newton Hall

Class of 1935-Room 92, Newton Hall

Class of 1945-Room 92, Newton Hall

Class of 1955-Room 90, Newton Hall

Class of 1965-Room 102, Newton Hall

Class of 1975-Room 104, Newton Hall

Class of 1985-Room 106, Newton Hall

Class of 1995-Room 115, Newton Hall

Class of 2005-Room 109, Newton Hall

Classes of 1957, 58, & 59-Room 105, Newton Hall

10:15 a.m.-Awarding of 50th Anniversary  
Diplomas to Class of 1955

10:30 a.m.-Awarding of Medallions to  
50th Anniversary Football Teams

11 a.m.-Warrior Club Annual Meeting  
Huff Auditorium

Noon-Alumni Luncheon  
Mabry Memorial Cafeteria

2:30 p.m.-ECCC vs. Gulf Coast

Presentation of 50th Anniversary Football Teams

Halftime Presentation of Queen and Court

Performance by the Wall O' Sound Marching Band

After Football Game-Reunion of the  
Warrior Basketball Teams Coached by  
Denver Brackeen (1956-1963 Seasons)  
Mabry Memorial Cafeteria

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**East Central Community College  
Homecoming Schedule of Events  
Saturday, October 15, 2005**

**ECCC**

**8:00 a.m. Registration Begins, East Mall Patio Near Cafeteria**

***Between Fences* Exhibit Open for Viewing, ADN Building**

**Refreshments available in the Sullivan Student Center**

**9:00 a.m. Memorabilia Room Grand Opening, Burton Library**

**Soccer Game – ECCC vs. Meridian Community College, EC Soccer Field**

**10:00 a.m. Reunion Groups Meet**

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- Class of 1935, Room 92, Newton Hall
- Class of 1945, Room 92, Newton Hall
- Class of 1955, Room 90, Newton Hall
- Class of 1965, Room 102, Newton Hall
- Class of 1975, Room 104, Newton Hall
- Class of 1985, Room 106, Newton Hall
- Class of 1995, Room 115, Newton Hall
- Class of 2005, Room 109, Newton Hall
- Classes of 1957, 1958, & 1959, Room 105, Newton Hall

**10:15 a.m. Awarding of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Diplomas to Class of 1955, Room 90, Newton Hall**

**10:30 a.m. Awarding of medallions to 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Football Teams, Room 60, Newton Hall**

**11:00 a.m. Warrior Club Annual Meeting, Huff Auditorium**

**12:00 noon Alumni Luncheon, Mabry Memorial Cafeteria**

**2:30 p.m. Football Game – ECCC vs. Gulf Coast, at Newton County High School**

**Presentation of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Football Teams (Before Game)**

**Halftime Presentation of Queen and Court**

**Performance by the Wall O' Sound Marching Band**

**5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Visit with Denver Brackeen, Gold Room of Mabry Memorial Cafeteria**

**7:00 p.m. Reunion of the Warrior Basketball Teams coached by Denver Brackeen from 1956-1963, Mabry Memorial Cafeteria**

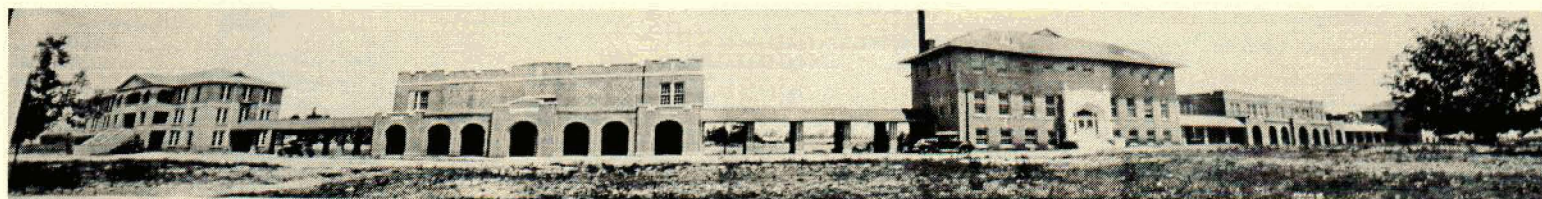


# East Central Community College

# Homecoming

*Alumni Luncheon • October 15, 2005*

Presiding.....	Lynn Russell Hayes '75 Vice President, ECCC Alumni Association
Invocation.....	Dick Mayo Class of 1955
Welcome and Introductions.....	Dr. Phil A. Sutphin President
Nominating Committee Report and Election of Alumni Officers.....	Ann Hunter Burkes '63 Nominating Committee Chairperson
Recognition of Special Alumni Groups.....	Dr. Lavinia Sparkman Vice President for Instruction and Homecoming Steering Committee Chair <i>Classes Ending In "5" • Classes of 1957-58-59</i> <i>1954-55 and 1955-56 Warrior Football Teams • Warrior Club</i> <i>Warrior Basketball Teams Coached by Denver Brackeen (1956-1963 Seasons)</i>
Presentation of Instructors of the Year Awards.....	Dr. Lavinia Sparkman
Presentation of Athletic Hall of Fame Awards.....	Mark Killens '78 President, ECCC Warrior Club
Presentation of Alumna of the Year Award.....	Dr. Phil A. Sutphin
Presentation of Alumnus of the Year Award.....	Dr. Phil A. Sutphin
Adjourn	





# Record of Alumni Award Recipients

## Alumni of the Year

1964-B.O. Smith, Louisville  
 1965-Lucille Wood, Decatur  
 1966-Henry D. Horton, Louisville  
 1967-Crowley Alford, Carthage  
 1968-W.H. Johnson, Jr., Decatur  
 1969-Arthur Winstead, Philadelphia  
 1970-Leon Sims, Philadelphia  
 1971-Charles Carter-Jackson  
 1972-Dr. William L. Weems, Jackson  
 1973-Arno Vincent, Meridian  
 1974-Elizabeth K. Darby, Philadelphia  
 1975-W.C. Spence, Walnut Grove  
 1976-John Risher, Philadelphia  
 1977-Jessie M. Everett, Decatur  
 1978-Class of 1928, First Class  
 1979-Glen D. Walker, Union  
 1980-Russell Walton, Union  
 1981-Dwight Mulholland, Collinsville  
 1982-Denver Brackeen, Union  
 1983-Frank Hunter, Brookhaven  
 1984-Herman Alford, Philadelphia  
 1985-Carl B. Cooper, Decatur  
     Dr. Beverly Oliphant, Washington, D.C.  
 1986-Kenneth Madison, Philadelphia  
     Dr. Pam Kirk, Louisville  
 1987-Dr. Brad Tucker, Decatur  
     Dr. Addie R. Lee, Birmingham, AL  
 1988-Henry B. Hudspeth, Louisville  
     Dr. Verbie Prevost, Hixon, TN  
 1989-Dr. Eddie M. Smith, Decatur  
     Dr. Walterine Herrington Bell, Jackson  
 1990-Larry Hogue, Flowood  
     Jo McMullan Taylor, Forest  
 1991-Dr. Clyde Muse, Raymond  
     Lois Blount Cooper, Decatur  
 1992-Earl Marshall, Clinton  
     June Bailey, Biloxi  
 1993-Melvin Tingle, Decatur  
     Patsy Dunigan Clark, Louisville  
 1994-Paul V. Breazeale, Jackson  
     Jane Todd Gurry, Raleigh, NC  
 1995-Dr John Gipson, Newton  
     Wanda Comans Sharp, Sebastopol  
 1996-Ray Britt, Walnut Grove  
     Brenda Whatley Kirby, Forest  
 1997-Dick Livingston, Pulaski  
     Carol Farish Vickers, Decatur  
 1998-T.H. "Tam" Etheridge, Jackson  
     Nell Allen Rogers, Philadelphia  
 1999-Dr. Shelby L. Harris, Decatur  
     Illene Richie Gordon, Union  
 2000-S. LeBrun Hutchison, Littleton, CO  
     Jeanette Beevers Thrash, Decatur  
 2001-Dr. Joe Todd, Cincinnati, Ohio  
     Betty Lewis Gomillion, Walnut Grove

2002-A. Harvey Trapp, Newton  
     Imogene Johnson Borganelli, Greenville  
 2003-Dr. Milton Matthews, Pearl  
     Frances Harris Smith, Decatur  
 2004-Dr. John G. Hollingsworth, Commerce, GA  
     Ann Hunter Burkes, Decatur  
 2005-Bill Lovett, Forest  
     Maxie Dodson Phillips, University Park, MD

## Athletic Hall of Fame

1985-Denver Brackeen, Union  
 1986-Lucille Wood, Louisville  
 1987-Billy Wayne Baucum, Decatur  
 1988-Howard Jean Sessums, Harperville  
 1989-Lamar Blount, Decatur  
     Arno Vincent, Meridian  
     Earl Marshall, Clinton  
 1990-Jeff Loper, Decatur  
     Richard Harris, Hickory  
     Sherrell Ray Marshall, Jackson  
 1991-Larry Henderson, Daphne AL  
     Diana Lyons Jones, Bay Springs  
     Wayne Tullos, Belle Glade, FL  
 1992-Evelyn Bender, Newton  
     Joe Clark, Decatur  
     Bert Thompson, Clinton  
 1993-Esther Thomas Coleman, Louisville  
     Barbara Jo Davidson Russell, Decatur  
     Louis Watwood, Arlington, VA  
 1994-Charlene Bates Jones, Forest  
     Charlie Hope, Sharpsburg, GA  
     Malcolm "Puddin" Jones, Decatur  
 1995-Clayton Blount, Decatur  
     Nan Houston Keenan, Rose Hill  
     James T. "Jim" Wood, Louisville  
 1996-M.E. "Boe" Davis, Cary, NC  
     John W. Golden, Stone Mountain, GA  
     Julie Latham, Morton  
 1997-Tommye Williamson Alfonso, Gulfport  
     Lester Baucum, Wiggins  
     James L. "Creeper" Nelson, Newton  
 1998-Van Chancellor, Houston, Texas  
     Deborah Norwood Duncan, Philadelphia  
     Howard Sessums, Clinton  
 1999-Daisy Kate Williams Chaney, Union  
     Sam Rutigliano, Forest, VA  
     Charles E. Ward, Pace, FL  
 2000-Billy Ray Dill, Escatawpa  
     Sue Gunter, Baton Rouge, LA  
     Jimmy Rea, Madison  
 2001-Willie "Tenny" Coats, Decatur  
     Sammy Pace, Decatur  
     Charlie Payne, Florence

2002-Freddie J. Bagley, Forest  
     James E. "Jim" Nabers, Louisville  
     Robert Thomas, Philadelphia  
 2003-Roy Baker, Clinton  
     Imogene Johnson Borganelli, Greenville  
     Rex Keeton, Taylorsville  
     Mark Killens, Newton  
 2004-Marcus Mann, Forest  
     Ken Pouncey, Decatur  
 2005-Dr. Bob Tom Johnson, Forest  
     Lucy Young-Vicksburg

## Lifetime Achievement Awards

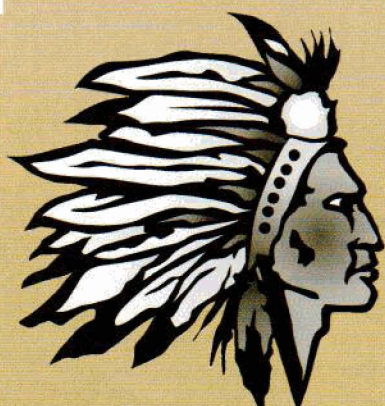
1991-Dr. Austin P. Boggan, Decatur  
 1994-Homer Hunter, Decatur  
     Ovid Vickers, Decatur  
 1996-W.H. Johnson, Jr., Decatur  
     J.W. Thrash, Decatur  
 2001-James E. Land, Union

## Instructors of the Year

1982-Ovid Vickers  
 1983-Dr. Shelby Harris  
 1984-Jessie M. Everett  
 1985-Bruce Guraedy, Al Bailey  
 1986-Ann Burkes, O.L. Newell  
 1987-Tommy Thrash, Chester Clark  
 1988-Dr. Richard Ethridge, John Adcock  
 1989-Joe Clark, Larry Blackburn  
 1990-Lois McMullan, Wallace Keen  
 1991-Tom Carson, Ricky Harrison  
 1992-Ron Davis, Lester Miles  
 1993-Lucille Wood, Sam Griffin  
 1994-Alice Pouncey, Elizabeth Breland  
 1995-Al Deaton, Sarah A. Griffin  
 1996-Charles Hinson, Jimmy Dempsey  
 1997-Dr. Richard Fisher, Brenda Johnson  
 1998-Leesa Wilkinson, Conrad Germany  
 1999-L.B. Bullock, R.W. Clark  
 2000-Dr. Linda Lane, Sandra Thomas  
 2001-Dr. Bettye Sue Hennington, Polly Mayes  
 2002-Linda Baucum Pierce, Gerald Jordan  
 2003-Dana Dear, Katherine Buckman Elliot  
 2004-Sharon LeJeune, Wanda Brackeen  
 2005-Nan Anderson, Lori Luke







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East Central Community College has a full day of activities planned for alumni and friends on Saturday, October 15, when the College hosts its annual Homecoming celebration.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. on the East Mall Patio near Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. A ceremony officially opening the ECCC Memorabilia Room in Burton Library begins at 9 a.m.

The East Central Community College soccer teams host Meridian Community College beginning with the women's contest at 9 a.m. followed by the men's game at 11 a.m.

Reunion groups are scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. and include members of all classes ending in "5"; Classes of 1957, 1958 and 1959; and the Alumni Band and Centralettes.

The College will also recognize and honor the 1954-55 and 1955-56 football teams on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Warrior Club, which supports the College's athletic teams, will hold its annual meeting at 11 a.m. in Huff Auditorium.

Recipients of the annual Alumni Association awards will be honored during a noon luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Honorees include Alumna of the Year Maxie Doddson Phillips of University Park, Maryland; Alumnus of the Year Bill Lovett of Forest; Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Dr. Bob Tom Johnson of Forest and Lucy Young of Vicksburg; and Instructors of the Year Nan Davis Anderson (Academic) of Decatur and Lori Hudson Luke (Career-Technical) of Newton.

The Warrior football team will take on the Bulldogs of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College at 2:30 p.m. Due to the damage at Warrior Stadium caused by Hurricane Katrina, the game will be held at Newton County High School.

After the football game, a reunion will be held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria for members of the 1956 through 1963 basketball teams coached by Denver Brackeen.

Activities are also scheduled on Thursday and Friday prior to Homecoming.

The Fine Arts Department will host the annual Alumni Art Exhibit from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Vickers Fine Arts Center. The exhibit

will feature works by Eric Adcock of Sebastopol and Chris Kemp of Louisville.

An Alumni Baseball game is scheduled Friday, October 14, at Jamie Clark Memorial Stadium. For more information about the Diamond Warrior Alumni contest, contact Coach Jake Yarborough at ext. 374.

The Soccer Warriors will also hold an alumni match at 5 p.m. on October 14 at the ECCC Soccer field. For more information contact Coach Kenneth Thompson at ext. 370.

For more information regarding Homecoming 2005, contact Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director, Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327. The email address is [shollings@eccc.edu](mailto:shollings@eccc.edu).

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ECCC Alumni Soccer Game  
Warrior Soccer Field



# Maxie Doddson Phillips

## *"Alumna of the Year"*



**Maxie Phillips**

East Central Community College "Alumna of the Year" Maxie Doddson Phillips of University Park, Maryland, began her career as an educator and, although she has retired, continues to support school students and her community through volunteer work with various organizations.

Those nominating Phillips for the prestigious honor wrote, "Mrs. Phillips' contributions to her community have played a significant part in making it a warm and vibrant place to live. Her volunteer work has been commended by numerous groups including the National Gallery of Art, the National Archives, the National Museum of Women in the Arts, Parent-Teacher Associations and the Folger Library, to name a few."

Upon receiving the honor, Phillips said, "I am very surprised, very pleased and most appreciative! No doubt Mrs. (Stella) Newsome (her former ECCC instructor) would be very surprised as well. I am sure she would press into service her elegant lace handkerchief if she knew I was a docent at the Folger Shakespeare Library and working with the student Shakespeare festivals and events!"

Phillips, who graduated from Harpersville High School, began

her career as a home economics teacher at Sebastopol High School from 1947 to 1949. After marrying, she and her husband, Dr. Willie E. Phillips, lived in Georgia, where he was a graduate student and she taught at Lilburn High School. The couple then moved to Texas, where Dr. Phillips taught at Texas Tech and Mrs. Phillips taught at Carroll Thompson Junior High School. After Dr. Phillips accepted a position with the National Bureau of Standards in the U.S. Department of Commerce, the couple moved to Maryland, where Mrs. Phillips taught in the Prince George's County School District from 1972 until her retirement in 1978.

Regarding her career, Phillips said, "I enjoyed the opportunity to interact with such a variety of students from a wide range of backgrounds, from the gifted and talented to those with significant challenges. Their enthusiasm in learning new skills is inspirational."

Today, Phillips serves as a volunteer at the Smithsonian Institution's new National Museum of the American Indian, the National Archives, Riversdale House Museum, Folger Shakespeare Library, the Library of Congress, National Gallery of Art, and the National Museum of Women in the Arts.

Among her duties are leading public and school group tours, assisting at special events such as the opening ceremony and family days at the National Museum of the American Indian, National Book Festivals sponsored by the Library of Congress and Laura Bush, the National Archives Fourth of July Declaration of Independence celebrations, and Constitution Day ceremonies.

Phillips, who attended East Central Junior College from 1943 to 1945, said, "My compass was set at East Central.

My career and interests reflect my experience there and the great opportunities I was given."

During her days at East Central, Phillips served as reporter for the Home Economics Club, was a member of the Glee Club and "Y" Council, vice president of the YWCA, secretary-treasurer of the state YWCA, worship chairman for Sunday school and youth fellowship, first vice president of the Vesper services and president of the Wesley Foundation.

Upon graduation, Phillips received a bachelor's degree in home economics from Mississippi State College for Women and a master's degree in education from Mississippi State University. She received the specialist's degree in education from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University and has completed the coursework toward the doctorate degree in human development at the University of Maryland.

Active in civic organizations, Phillips serves on the town Education Advisory Committee; is past branch president of the American Association of University Women; a charter member and officer of College Park Toastmasters; past president of the University of Maryland Campus Club; past president of the University Park Woman's Club; former chairman of the State Federation of Women's Clubs Arts Program and Safety Program; past president of the American Antique Arts Association; chairman of the town Foreign Policy Association; past president of the county Genealogical Society; a former troop leader and neighborhood chairman for the Girl Scouts of America; was a judge for the National History Day final competitions; past president of Parent-Teacher Associations; served on County PTA Council; former state committee

chairman and honorary PTA life member; and past chapter president of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

Phillips founded two National Association of University Dames clubs, was founder of the town Historic Preservation Association, which received historic district listing for the town on the National Register of Historic Places; was founder and past chairman of the board of directors for Junior and Senior Cotillions, and received Civic Association community service recognition.

She is certified in Family and Consumer Sciences by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and received Paul Harris Fellow Recognition for Community Service from Rotary International.

A member of the University United Methodist Church, Phillips serves as a Sunday school teacher and was on the Nominating Committee, Administrative Board, Council of Ministries, Education Committee and was a Stephen Minister and Family Living Coordinator.

Phillips lives in one of the area's historic homes and each year invites the local elementary school children to a tea party in her home. As a fundraiser for local schools, Phillips began the town's annual holiday candlelight house tour. The Phillips have also been on the state house and garden tour, which is a fundraiser for historic preservation in Maryland.

The Phillips had three children. Martha, who teaches adult education as a licensed nurse, and Margaret, an artist, both reside in Carthage, Mississippi. Their middle child, Mary, was a buyer for the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. She died of cancer in 2002.



# Bill Lovett

## "Alumnus of the Year"



**Bill Lovett**

Billy R. Lovett of Forest is being recognized by his alma mater as Alumnus of the Year for his distinguished military career and dedication to the field of education and public service.

Lovett, a 1957 ECCC alumnus, said receiving the honor "is a great thrill for me." He added, "Taking note of the accomplishments of those named Alumnus of the Year for the past several years, I am both honored and humbled to be included in their ranks."

Lovett spent 27 years as a flight officer in the U.S. Navy, serving primarily in aviation squadrons and aviation-related duty stations in or near Norfolk, Virginia, and San Diego, California. He was assigned to five different squadrons flying the E-1B Tracer and the E-2C Hawkeye, the Navy's carrier based command-and-control aircraft. Lovett was deployed worldwide aboard seven different aircraft carriers.

Highlights of his military career include serving as executive officer and later commanding officer of an aviation squadron (VAW-114) based out of the Naval Air Station in Miramar, California. During this tour he made one regular deployment to the Western Pacific, followed by an extended deployment to the

West Pacific and Indian oceans.

Regarding his Navy career, Lovett said it "was filled with interesting, challenging assignments, and I served with many, impressive, dedicated people."

Lovett said his career was influenced by "several highly qualified, professional naval officers and senior non-commissioned officers, all of whom were positive, motivational mentors. I had plenty of role models to follow!"

He retired from military service in 1990 with the rank of Captain and in 1991 returned to Forest.

In 1992 he joined the faculty at ECCC, where he taught speech and psychology classes for more than seven years. He also served as an adjunct faculty member, teaching evening classes at various locations in the College's five-county district.

Lovett described his academic career as "rewarding, challenging and educational." He also expressed appreciation to his faculty colleagues, administrators and supervisory personnel, and "almost all" of his students!

While a member of the ECCC faculty, Lovett was known for the personal attention he gave to students of all ages.

One of his nominators for the Alumnus of the Year award described how Lovett "took a 55-year-old retired man with a poor educational background from the mountains of Georgia and instilled in him the belief that he had worth and could successfully complete the requirements for graduation at East Central." The nominator further stated that the nontraditional student did graduate from East Central "and became an inspiration to other students."

Lovett was also involved in various campus activities during his tenure on the faculty and

continues to be a part of the ECCC family.

He served on committees related to accreditation and homecoming while being a working member of the faculty association. He continues to be a member of the Warrior Club, a support group for ECCC athletics, and the Alumni Association, currently serving as its president. He also provides assistance for the College's annual Warrior Golf Classic, which raises funds for scholarships.

Lovett is also involved in various clubs and organizations in Forest and Scott County.

He has held offices in the Scott County Forestry Association, Scott County American Legion Post, United Methodist Men in Forest and Homewood Water Association. He has also assisted with Forest Community Arts theater productions.. He continues to be a member of each organization mentioned in addition to holding membership in the University of Southern Mississippi Eagle Club. He is also active member of Forest United Methodist Church and Gideons International.

Lovett also spends time with responsibilities associated with being a tree farmer, which include maintaining the family timber acreage. In addition, he is involved with upkeep and landscape maintenance around his house in Forest.

Lovett attended East Central from 1955-57 and was involved in various campus activities. Honors included winning a trophy in an intercollegiate speech event and receiving a "best actor" award for one of the College theater productions.

He remembers East Central as being a "supportive and close-knit institution." He further commented, "Instructors were knowledgeable and caring, and took time to help

us master our courses. Most students were dorm residents, so we knew most of our school mates. It was really a great environment."

Lovett participated in theatre productions, speech competitions and was a member of the chorus.

He graduated from East Central with honors and continued his education at USM where he received a bachelor's degree in speech. He later earned a master's degree in personnel administration from George Washington University, and completed additional graduate work at Mississippi State University.

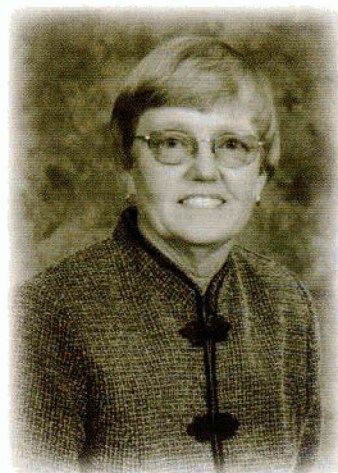
He is married to the former Sandra Cloud, a native of Pensacola, Florida. They have two daughters, Dr. Laura Lovett of Amherst, Massachusetts, and Terrin Lovett of San Diego, California. Laura serves on the faculty at the University of Massachusetts and is married to Dr. Michael Dietrich, a faculty member at Dartmouth College. They have two daughters, Lydia and Arlena. Terrin is employed by a pharmaceutical manufacturer and operates her own copyediting business.

**(Note:** Due to anticipated budget cuts and costs incurred by the College in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, *The Warrior* has been reduced to an eight-page format. We apologize for not being able to publish such items as Alumni and College News, Weddings and the long list of contributors who continue to support our institution. Cost of mailing is also a factor in producing a smaller magazine, as the publication is mailed to more than 11,000 alumni and friends of the College. Hopefully the College will be in a better position this spring to resume publishing the type of magazine you have been accustomed to receiving. We appreciate your support and understanding of this matter.)



# Lucy Young

## "Athletic Hall of Fame"



**Lucy Young**

If ever a person was called to coach and teach it is Lucy Young, a Morton native who has successfully led soccer and softball programs at Warren Central High School in Vicksburg.

Young, now in her 33<sup>rd</sup> year in education, is being honored for that success by her alma mater by being inducted into the East Central Community College Athletic Hall of Fame.

Becoming a member of the elite group came as quite a surprise to the former Miss ECJC.

"Being inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at this school I love so much is overwhelming. When I was informed that I had been selected, I felt shock, disbelief, joy but most of all gratitude. I am grateful to Miss Lucille Wood for nominating me, the committee for selecting me, and East Central for all it has done and continues to do in my life," Young stated.

Young coached boys' soccer for 23 years at Warren Central, compiling numerous titles and individual honors en route to a 258-63-16 record. Her teams won five Central Mississippi championships, nine District VI titles, four North State championships and four runner-up state titles. She was twice selected National High School

Athletic Coaches Association "Coach of the Year" for Region Five, which includes Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Kansas. She was also twice selected Coach of the Year by the Mississippi Association of Coaches and on three occasions served as a MAC All-Star Coach.

When she retired as boys' soccer coach in 1999, Young was recognized as the state's winningest coach.

Young led the girls' soccer program for eight years, compiling an 84-27-2 mark including three division titles and a Central Mississippi championship. She also served as tennis coach for 12 years.

Young continues to coach slow-pitch and fast-pitch softball teams in addition to her teaching duties.

Her slow-pitch softball record is 398-201 as of September 22, 2005, which covers a 29-year span beginning in 1977. Accomplishments include: four league championships, two runner-up Central Mississippi titles (after the playoff system was established in softball), 11 district championships and a North State title. Young was twice selected to coach the MAC All-Star teams.

In girls' fast-pitch softball competition, her record is 99-44-1 in six years of competition. Four district championships have been won during this period and Young was twice chosen Vicksburg Evening Post "Coach of the Year."

Her teaching assignments include Safety Education, which includes instruction in American Red Cross First Aid and CPR. She also teaches various physical education classes as well as Adaptive Physical Education. APE classes include students who have physical or mental disabilities. Young said she works with APE students on

a daily basis helping prepare them for Special Olympics competition. Warren Central is the host site for many of the Area 10 Special Olympic events and Young serves as games' director.

Regarding her career as a coach and teacher, Young mentioned several people who served as positive influences.

"My parents and family provided the means and encouragement to pursue a degree in teaching. Even now after all these years in coaching it is a thrill for me to have my mother attend a ball game. There were many of my own teachers and coaches from whom I borrowed and embraced their styles of teaching. On the other hand, there were those of whom I determined I would never want to be like."

Among those she continues to admire is former ECCC coach Lucille Wood, who has begun her 50th year teaching physical education and education classes on the Decatur campus.

"Miss Lucille Wood was and continues to be my mentor. I took seriously her comments about teachers who also coach. Oftentimes, teachers who coach have little regard for their teaching duties. If they allow themselves to, they simply pass the time in the classroom and pour all their energy into their coaching duties. She told us it was very difficult to maintain the highest standards in both areas. At first I thought this meant I should not coach. I wanted so desperately to be a good teacher. Later I realized she was only making it clear to us how difficult it would be to excel at both. She did not want us to become the stereotype, then and now, of the coach who is not a good classroom teacher."

Young obviously took advantage of Miss Wood's advice as she has been the

recipient of Teacher of the Year honors in addition to receiving Coach of the Year recognition several times. To her amazement, she once received both honors in the same year. Among the first people she contacted about the double-award was Miss Wood.

"I immediately wrote to Miss Wood to share the good news and what I felt, which was not pride or self-satisfaction but gratitude for the challenge she placed before us. She had conquered the stereotype and it was my duty to do the same. From the classroom to the playing field; it's all about teaching," Young stated.

Young, who attended East Central during the 1969-70 and 1970-71 terms, said she "could fill volumes with wonderful memories of my years on the Decatur campus."

She continued, "The faculty and staff not only taught us and guided us, but also nurtured us. It was as though they could see inside each of us and draw out the potential we had of becoming the best we could be. We revered them as our leaders and our surrogate parents."

Young said she "embraced" campus life and "pretty much re-invented myself," as she explains:

"I felt campus rules were too strict so one night I staged a one-woman protest in the cafeteria at supper by wearing shorts with a trench coat over them. (We had to be dressed for supper in skirt, dress, etc.) I was promptly pulled from the line, and (then) Dean of Students Denver Brackeen gave me this advice: 'Change things from within.' So I got myself elected Student Body President with all female officers!"

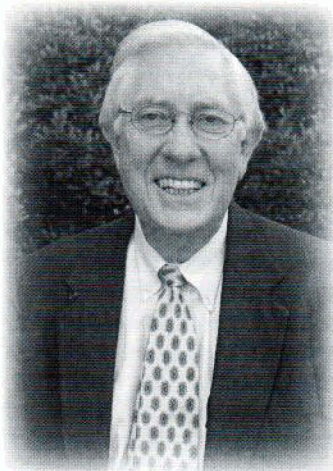
Young, who said she "really loved" serving as SBA president, recalled that her platform for election was simple:

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# Bob Tom Johnson

## "Athletic Hall of Fame"



**Bob Tom Johnson**

Described as a jump-shot artist and a hook-shot specialist, Bob Tom Johnson of Forest used his basketball skills to help lead the East Central Community College Warriors to the state tournament semi-finals and a 22-3 record during the 1962-63 season.

The 6'5" Johnson, who also had a stellar career at Morton High School and later played for the University of Southern Mississippi, is being recognized for his success on the hardwood with his induction into the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame.

Johnson, an honorable mention All-State center who averaged 23 points as a sophomore and was the team's top rebounder, said he is "pleased and honored" to be included with other athletes and coaches in the prestigious group.

"Never in my wildest dreams did I envision this honor," said Johnson, who gave credit for his success in athletics to his former coaches – Ken Gordon at Morton High School, Denver Brackeen at East Central, and the late Lee Floyd at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Johnson, who currently operates two small businesses with his wife, Ellen, following a 27-year career in education, said playing basketball at East

Central was so much fun that he wished he and his teammates could have continued playing for another two years.

"My world at East Central revolved around playing basketball, and I really enjoyed practices as much as I did playing because of Coach Brackeen. It was indeed a pleasure and a great experience to have the opportunity to play for him," Johnson said.

Johnson said the most memorable game during his two-year career was when East Central lost to Southwest in the state tournament semi-finals.

"I really think we could have won that game had not Charlie Payne, our top scorer, been sick with the flu. Of course we'll never know, but we really had a great team that year," Johnson stated.

Johnson said one of the keys to the Warriors' success was the support received from the community and five-county district.

"I particularly remember local businessman Jay Cox and Postmaster Homer Hunter always being in attendance for home games. When we looked in the stands and saw both of them, we knew it was time to play ball!"

In addition to enjoying his basketball experience at East Central, Johnson said he has fond memories of attending classes.

"There were so many faculty members who provided quality instruction, which often times far exceeded what I received at higher levels of college," he stated.

However, Johnson admitted to first being a little apprehensive regarding chemistry instructor Frank Cross.

"Without a doubt, I was in fear of him each day I walked into class. However, as I continued my education after finishing East Central, I felt well-prepared for higher

level science courses," Johnson stated.

Johnson also recalled being a member of English instructor Una Harris' class.

"As a student, I perceived that Miss Harris' entire world revolved around her English and literature classes. Little did I expect that she even knew we had a basketball team.

Well, on a Friday before the season began Coach Brackeen cancelled practice. One of my teammates- who will remain nameless- told me that he was going to 'cut' Miss Harris' class so he could go home early for the weekend. At the end of class, Miss Harris asked me to remain. In a matter-of-fact voice, she told me, 'Tell your friend that just because you did not have basketball practice today was no excuse for him to skip my class.' I quickly realized that she knew a lot more about what was going on than I gave her credit!"

Johnson said he also has fond memories of Pearl's Cafe, a popular hangout for students after the Student Center closed for the night.

"My favorite food at Pearl's was the open-faced roast beef sandwich, which I consumed regularly to the clanging of bells on the pin ball machines in the background. Not only was the food great at Pearl's, but the school cafeteria attracted my interest so much that I gained 30 pounds during my two years at EC!"

Johnson readily admits that the highlight of his EC career was meeting his future wife.

"I met Ellen near the end of my second year at East Central. The 1949 Cadillac which she and her sisters drove was quite impressive for a fellow who basically got around by walking!"

Johnson continued his basketball career at USM, where he helped the Golden Giants (as they were called then) set

a new school scoring mark with 118 points. Johnson used his patented hook shot for the team's 116<sup>th</sup> point, breaking the previous record of 115 points. Johnson closed out the scoring with a tap-in from a rebound, giving USM a 118-80 victory over Northwestern Louisiana in Hattiesburg.

Johnson received bachelor's and master's degrees in health and physical education from USM, then began a teaching and coaching career at Ponchatoula High School in Ponchatoula, La., where he served from 1967 to 1969. Johnson led the boys' basketball team to a 22-15 record his second year as coach. The squad had won just one game two years earlier.

Johnson returned to East Central in 1969, serving one year as dean of men and physical education instructor.

Then in 1970 Johnson began a 23-year run serving education on the county and state levels, including Director of Federal Programs, Scott County School District (1970-77); Staff Specialist, Mississippi Educational Services, Division of Continuing Education, Mississippi State University (1977-78); Director of Federal Programs, Scott County School District (1978-81); Assistant Superintendent of Education, Scott County School District (1981-84); Executive Director, Mississippi State Textbook Procurement Commission (1984-87); Director of Division of Minimum Program and Textbooks, Mississippi State Department of Education (1988-93); and Director of Teacher Certification and Textbooks, Mississippi State Department of Education (1993).

Johnson cited his work as assistant Scott County Superintendent and his tenure with the Mississippi Textbook

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# Nan Anderson & Lori Luke

## "Instructors of the Year"



**Nan Anderson**

Starkville native Nan Anderson, East Central Community College's 2005 Academic "Instructor of the Year," recognized as a 15-year-old candy striper that she was meant to be a nurse. However, it was her father who gave her the inspiration to teach.

"Daddy was an administrator at (Mississippi) State, but he loved teaching," Anderson said. "He was a great teacher and loved his students. At home, we saw that enthusiasm. I had some wonderful nursing teachers at the 'W,' both in the clinical setting as well as the classroom. I realized that it was possible to combine roles, nursing and teaching, into a career.

"Over the next 20 years, I practiced my nursing skills and worked in a variety of settings. I received my master's degree in 1995 and began teaching. I can't imagine doing anything else now!"

Anderson serves as an instructor in the College's Associate Degree Nursing program. Prior to accepting her position at East Central, Anderson served as an instructor in the Division of Nursing at Calhoun Community College in Decatur, Ala., and is also a former faculty member of graduate nursing studies in the College of Nursing at

the University of Alabama-Huntsville. She has also served as an independent childbirth educator and has held positions with the Mississippi Division of Medicaid, Rush Hospital and the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Anderson said she enjoys teaching at a community college because "there is a feeling of community and the students are so diverse. They come from different experiences and backgrounds. Some of my students have a spouse and a family to take care of after they attend classes. Many are employed. Some of my students are the first person in their family to go to college."

She also said that her entire department works together to reach students.

"We teach as a team," said Anderson. "Any success of one is the success of all of us. We treat our students as individuals. We use different strategies to appeal to a variety of learning styles and spend a lot of one-on-one time. By working with students in the hospitals and the classrooms, we get to know a lot of things about our students. They come to us for many things."

Seeing students succeed is what Anderson says makes it all worthwhile.

"I once had a middle-age male student who had come from an oppressed environment," she said. "I don't know what brought him to nursing, but he was very kind and humble. Many people had already decided that he wasn't going to make it as a nurse. He seemed so sincere in his desires as we continued working with him. We could see him blossoming as the semesters passed. He had never been successful in anything before, but he graduated and passed his boards. He became a really good nurse. He was very humble and very kind. I think

that was my first recognition that you should never pass judgment on whether or not someone can become successful. He had simply never been given the opportunity. That was an eye-opener for me."

Anderson received her bachelor's degree in nursing from Mississippi University for Women and completed the master's degree in nursing administration at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, Phi Kappa Phi and the Mississippi Nurses Association. She received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award from UA-Huntsville and has been named to Who's Who Among American College Educators. She received the Alabama College System Award of Excellence in 2003 and received the 2002-03 Carlton W. Kelley Teaching Excellence Award at Calhoun Community College. She is a member of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church.

Anderson and her husband, Mike, who is an instructor in the College of Business and Industry at Mississippi State University, have two daughters, Anna Claire, 16, and Grace, 13.



**Lori Luke**

A special mentor gave East Central Community College practical nursing instructor Lori

Luke, the College's 2005 Career-Technical Instructor of the Year, the inspiration she needed to become not only a good nurse, but a good teacher as well.

"I had a wonderful preceptor when I first became a nurse," said Luke. "She mentored me and basically taught me how to use the knowledge I had acquired during nursing school. Her name was Emma and I will never forget her.

"I would have to say that I chose to become a teacher because of Emma, because without her mentoring I would have never survived. It was then that I realized the significant impact a good mentor/teacher can have on students."

Luke serves as director of the College's practical nursing program. She and one other instructor team-teach most courses, although some courses, such as Pharmacology, she teaches alone.

Prior to her position at East Central, Luke worked as a registered nurse in various areas, predominantly Surgery and Post-Anesthesia Care Units.

When asked why she enjoys teaching at a community college Luke said, "I love the small classes that enable you to get to know students on a personal basis. I am thankful for the family/community environment that abounds at the community college level. Plus, being a graduate of East Central myself, I have a special fondness and great memories of ECCC."

When asked how she reaches her students, Luke said "respect."

"I have respect for them and I expect respect in return," Luke said. "An open door policy encourages student participation and good communicative dialogue."

Although Luke says it is sometimes challenging finding out individual learning needs



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"I knew the guys wanted more time with the girls and the girls wanted more freedom in what they could do and what they could wear. So, like any good politician, I took those ideas and ran with them, promising both sides what they wanted. Thanks to Dean Brackeen, Mr. (Ovid) Vickers, Mr. (Bruce) Peterson, Miss Wood and all the other faculty members who advised me, changes did take place, which probably helped me get elected Miss ECJC."

Young's campus involvement also included participation in volleyball, tennis, basketball and intramurals - "which we played for the love of the game, loyalty to our coach, ECJC and

each other."

Highlights of her career as an athlete include being a member of the 1970 state champion volleyball team and serving as manager of the 1971 women's state basketball championship squad. She also cited playing for the state doubles title in tennis with Wanda Blackwell McPhail of Union and serving as intramural team captain. Another highlight came recently when she and other former female athletes "finally" received letters in volleyball, basketball and tennis during the 2002 homecoming celebration, thanks to Lucille Wood who made the presentation to members of her "Club Teams" from 1954 to 1975.

Young was a member of the Baptist Student Union, helped create a "Coffee House" on campus and was involved in the dinner theater production of "The Man Who Came to Dinner," for which she received the best actress award. She was also the recipient of the Citizenship Award and was voted a freshman class favorite.

Young continued her education at Mississippi State University, where she received a bachelor's degree in education, majoring in physical education with a minor in biological science. She participated in intramural sports while a student at MSU.

She holds membership in various civic, professional and

religious organizations.

Young is a recent recipient of the first ever Outstanding Service Award presented by the Vicksburg/Warren School District Special Education Department, in recognition of her involvement with Adaptive Physical Education, Special Olympics and "Special Prom," an annual activity for students with physical and learning disabilities.

Young is the daughter of Neila Young and the late Spurgeon Young of Forest. She has three sisters, Latain Blossom and Ruby Hamilton, both of Forest, and Sherrie Johnson of Morton, and a brother, Dub Young of Morton.

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Procurement Commission and Mississippi Department of Education among his career highlights.

"As assistant superintendent, I worked with Supt. A. F. Hollingsworth in establishing a kindergarten program in the Scott County schools several years before state programs were established and funded by the State Legislature," stated Johnson, who also had words of praise for the late school official.

"Mr. Hollingsworth was a great influence on my career. He was not only an effective educator, but he had one of the greatest educational finance minds with which I have been associated. He was a great encourager who was most beneficial in making it possible for me to return to college at the

age of 34 to pursue a doctorate in school administration, which I received in 1982."

While working with the Mississippi Textbook Procurement Commission and later the Mississippi Department of Education, Johnson served as president of the National Association of State Textbook Administrators. "My involvement with this group allowed me an opportunity to influence various components of the textbooks being made available to students in schools throughout the United States," he stated.

Johnson has also received numerous awards for his success in educational sales.

Since 1993 Johnson has been self-employed and currently serves as owner and president of Johnson Educational Sales and J

& J Trucking Company.

Through the years Johnson has also taught business management, finance and education course for four different universities, including the Jackson branch of Mississippi State University; Meridian branch of Mississippi State University; Forest branch of Jackson State University; and at Mississippi College in Clinton. In addition, he is a former associate professor at Delta State University in Cleveland.

He was also certified as a high school and college basketball official and is a member of various organizations, including the ECCC Alumni Association, which he currently serves as a Scott County representative and is a lifetime member.

Johnson is also an active member of Forest Baptist Church, where he has held various leadership positions.

His wife is the former Ellen Thompson of Decatur. They have four children: Bob Tom Johnson, Jr. of Brandon; Amy Johnson of Hernando; Jay Johnson of Pulaski; and Joy Johnson Lowrey of Louisville; and three grandchildren, Jonathan and Carrie, children of Jay and Ruby Johnson, and Matlyn Lowrey, daughter of Joey and Joy Lowrey.

Johnson's parents are the late J. C. Johnson and Zola Miles Johnson. His brother, James Russell Johnson, resides in Morton. Their sister, Ruby Nell Johnson Stancill, is deceased.

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and then striving to meet those needs, she says her best memories as a teacher are when students are successful for the first time.

"I love the excitement they feel when they accomplish a goal. I never get tired of seeing that light go on," Luke said.

Luke received her associate's

degree from East Central Community College and the bachelor's degree in Nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi. She has completed additional coursework towards the master's degree.

She has been an advisor for Health Occupation Students of America and SkillsUSA. In

addition, she was named to Who's Who Among American Teachers.

Luke is a member of the Association for Rural Health and the International Association for Human Caring and has worked with the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi. She is a member of First Baptist Church in Newton.

She is married to Keith Luke, who works with the USDA in Jackson, and they have two daughters, Morgan, 11, and Maggie, 8. Luke is the daughter of Wayne and Elizabeth Hudson of Newton.





# ***East Central Community College Homecoming Schedule of Events Saturday, October 15, 2005***

**8 a.m.-Registration Begins**

East Mall Patio Near Mabry Cafeteria

**"Between Fences" Exhibit**

Open for Viewing-ADN Building

**Refreshments Available in  
Sullivan Student Center****9 a.m.-Memorabilia Room Grand Opening**

Burton Library

**9 a.m.-ECCC Soccer vs. Meridian (Women)**

Men's Game to follow at 11 a.m.

**10 a.m.-Reunion Groups Meet**

1954-55 & 1955-56 Football Teams Room 60, Newton Hall

Class of 1935-Room 92, Newton Hall

Class of 1945-Room 92, Newton Hall

Class of 1955-Room 90, Newton Hall

Class of 1965-Room 102, Newton Hall

Class of 1975-Room 104, Newton Hall

Class of 1985-Room 106, Newton Hall

Class of 1995-Room 115, Newton Hall

Class of 2005-Room 109, Newton Hall

Classes of 1957, 58, & 59-Room 105, Newton Hall

**10:15 a.m.-Awarding of 50th Anniversary  
Diplomas to Class of 1955****10:30 a.m.-Awarding of Medallions to  
50th Anniversary Football Teams****11 a.m.-Warrior Club Annual Meeting**  
Huff Auditorium**Noon-Alumni Luncheon**

Mabry Memorial Cafeteria

**2:30 p.m.-ECCC vs. Gulf Coast**

Newton County High School

Presentation of 50th Anniversary Football Teams

Halftime Presentation of Queen and Court

Performance by the Wall O' Sound Marching Band

**After Football Game-Reunion of the  
Warrior Basketball Teams Coached by  
Denver Brackeen (1956-1963 Seasons)**

Mabry Memorial Cafeteria

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